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SUBJECT: FY 76 LEADER GRANTEE MATTS HELLSTROM

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1. THE EMBASSY IS PLEASED TO INFORM THE DEPARTMENT THAT SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARLIAMENTARIAN MATTS HELLSTROM HAS ACCEPTED A LEADER GRANT INVITATION, AND WILL TRAVEL DURING FY 1976. HE WAS UNABLE TO ACCEPT SEVERAL PAST INVITATIONS DUE TO LIMITATIONS OF TIME AND OTHER PRESSURES. ETA SEPTEMBER 25; HIS FIRST APPOINTMENT SHOULD BE SCHEDULED ON SEPTEMBER 27. DESPITE THE LATENESS IN THE FISCAL YEAR, WE FEEL CONFIDENT THAT THERE WILL BE NO REPEAT NO LAST-MINUTE CANCELLATION: SWEDISH ELECTIONS ARE SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 19-20 AND THE PARLIAMENTARIANS TRADITIONALLY TAKE VACATION IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS BEFORE THE RIKSDAG BEGINS ITS NEW TERM. PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS WILL BE FORWARDED LATER; HOWEVER, HIS SPECIAL INTERESTS ARE POLITICS, FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND CHILD-CARE CENTERS. HELLSTROM IS CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S EXECUTIVE BOARD, WHICH HAS POLICY-MAKING FUNCTIONS.

2. PLEASE CONFIRM DATE AND NAME OF PROGRAM AGENCY FOR HELLSTROM.

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3. ACCORDING TO OUR FIGURES, THE MISSION HAS NOW FILLED ITS QUOTA

FOR THE FY 1976 INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROOGRAM, INCLUDING THE
EXTRA TRANSITIONAL QUARTER ALLOCATION. THE FOLLOWING PENDING
SWEDISH GRANTEES HAVE CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS: STEN NIKLASSON,
SEPTEMBER 7; MARGARETA EKSTROM, SEPTEMBER 13; UNCONFIRMED, BUT
SUBMITTED: MARGARETA INGELSTAM, AUGUST 30 PER REF D; HELLSTROM,
SEPTEMBER 27. ASSUMING THAT THESE GRANTEES ALL COMPLETE FULL
30-DAY TRIPS, CPLEASE CONFIRM THAT EMBASSY HAS REMAINING
BALANCE OF APPROXIMATELY \$1,053 FOR PARTIAL GRANT. WE REGRET
THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO SCHEDULE ANY OF THESE GRANTEES BEFORE THE
TRANSITIONAL QUARTER.
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